

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Bak on 11/8/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 2, deleted "of" and inserted ---or---

Claim 31 is cancelled

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 and 11-29 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 1 of the invention is not shown in the prior art especially with regard to a sputter transport box comprising a plate-shaped, disc-shaped sputtering target having first and second opposite planar faces and an outer annular peripheral edge; an inner sputtering target retention frame defining a void of a size matching a size and shape of said disc-shaped sputtering target, the inner sputtering target retention frame extends continuously about, directly contacts, and supports the outer peripheral edge of the sputtering target; a plastic inner box having a planar lower cushion plate and a planar upper cushion plate,

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the inner sputtering target retention frame being positioned within the plastic inner box sandwiched between the planar lower and upper cushion plates such that the planar lower and upper cushion plates extend completely across and cover the void and directly contact the first and second opposite planar faces of the sputtering targets, where the sputtering target is entirely encapsulated and in direct engagement with the inner sputtering target retention frame and planar lower and upper cushion plates; a separate outer box formed of aluminum or wood having an outer frame, a bottom plate, and a cover providing an inner size greater than the plastic inner box containing the sputtering target insertable in a horizontal position within the separate outer box and the plastic inner box is independently removable from the separate outer box; stationary supports extend from the bottom plate of the separate outer box and wheels mounted directly to and integral with the bottom plate adjacent only a rear edge of the bottom plate and not adjacent an opposite front edge of the bottom plate, the height of the stationary supports is greater than the height that each of the wheels extends from the bottom plate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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